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SENATE BILL

No. 549

Introduced by Senator Correa

February 27, 2009

An act to add Section 7401.5 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to barbering and cosmetology.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 549, as amended, Correa. Barbering and cosmetology.

Under existing law, the Barbering and Cosmetology Act, the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology licenses and regulates persons engaged in the practice of barbering and cosmetology. Existing law also requires an establishment in which barbering and cosmetology is practiced to be licensed by the board.

This bill would ~~require~~ *authorize* applicants for a license issued by the board, and board licensees to report gender, language preference, and ethnicity information, as specified, in initial applications for licensure and ~~at the time of~~ *in* license renewal *forms*. The bill would also authorize applicants for an establishment license and establishment licensees to report this same information in the same manner. The bill would further require the board to compile this information quarterly and, *subject to specified limitations*, to post it on the board's Internet Web site. *The bill would require the initial application and license*

renewal forms to state, among other things, that reporting this information is voluntary and no adverse action shall be taken against an applicant or licensee that does not report this information. The bill would declare the intent of the Legislature in this regard.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to collect
2 information on gender, language preference, and ethnicity of all
3 licensees of the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology,
4 including establishment licensees.

5 (b) Collecting data on the gender, language preference, and
6 ethnicity of establishment licensees and board licensees will help
7 ensure that appropriate health and safety information is effectively
8 provided to affected licensees.

9 SEC. 2. Section 7401.5 is added to the Business and Professions
10 Code, to read:

11 7401.5. (a) Any applicant for a license issued by the board
12 and a licensee of the board ~~shall report~~ *may report information* to
13 the board, in his or her initial application for a license and ~~at the~~
14 ~~time of license renewal~~ *in license renewal forms*, and the board
15 shall collect; ~~information that information reported,~~ regarding the
16 applicant's ~~and~~ or licensee's gender, language preference, and
17 ethnicity.

18 (b) An applicant for an establishment license and an
19 establishment licensee may report *information* to the board, in his
20 or her initial application for a license and ~~at the time of license~~
21 ~~renewal~~ *in license renewal forms*, and the board shall collect; that
22 information reported, regarding the applicant's and licensee's
23 gender, language preference, and ethnicity.

24 (c) The information collected by the board pursuant to this
25 section shall be compiled quarterly and posted on the board's
26 Internet Web site. *The board shall keep the information collected*
27 *confidential and shall only post that information collected in a*
28 *manner that does not identify individual applicants and licensees.*

29 (d) *The board, in an initial application for licensure or in a*
30 *form for license renewal, shall state in a conspicuous manner that*
31 *reporting information regarding gender, language preference,*

1 *and ethnicity is voluntary, is not a condition of licensure or license*
2 *renewal, and that no adverse action shall be taken against any*
3 *applicant or licensee that does not report this information.*
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6 **CORRECTIONS:**

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